

ABSTRACT

A sputtering target prepared by the butt joining of metal sheets being made of the same material, wherein an intermetallic compound in a joined portion has an average particle diameter of 60% to 130% of the average particle diameter of the intermetallic compound in a non-joined portion is provided. In the sputtering target, the average particle diameter of an intermetallic compound in a joined portion is approximately the same as that of the intermetallic compound in a non-joined portion.